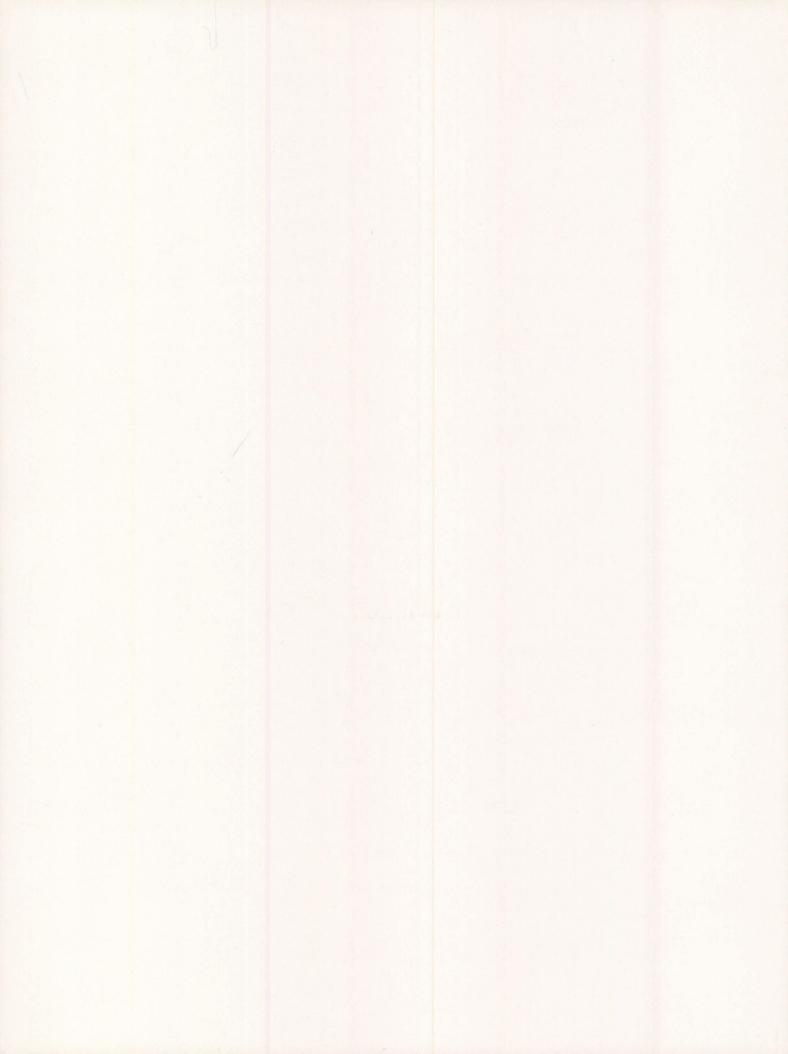
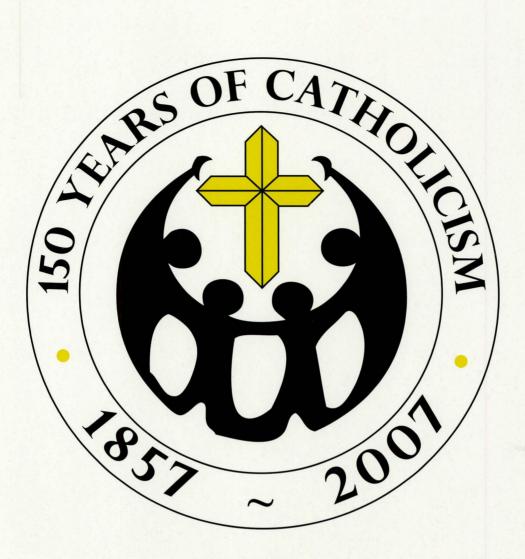


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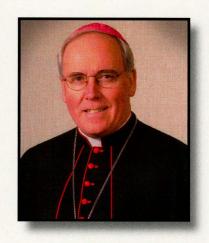
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March 19, 2007 Solemnity of St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph

Congratulations on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph Parish! This is a blessed opportunity to mark the beginning of the first organized community of Catholic Christians in the City of Lewiston. St. Joseph Parish has been the cradle of numerous other parish communities in the Lewiston-Auburn area in the decades since its founding. Your commitment to Catholic education for well over a century has been a source of pride for you. The many good works accomplished over the years, as well as the testimony of faith given to countless generations of Lewiston residents, are all reasons to give thanks during this anniversary year.

St. Joseph's was founded to respond to spiritual needs of Irish immigrants flocking to Lewiston because of the opportunities for employment in Androscoggin County due to the Industrial Revolution. Now, in the midst of the Information Revolution, your community has a very important role to play in making Jesus Christ known and loved. Obviously, the forms this evangelization will take in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be different than the forms it took in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. But it is the same Lord, same faith, same hope, and same love that inspires, guides, and motivates all of our efforts. Be assured that your presence and outreach are needed more now than ever before.

I join with you in giving thanks to God for the many blessings received. Together we invoke the prayers of St. Joseph, the guardian of the Infant Jesus and protector of the Church. May the Lord's richest blessings come upon you and your families in this year of celebration.

May God bless you with his peace. Please know that you are in my prayers.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

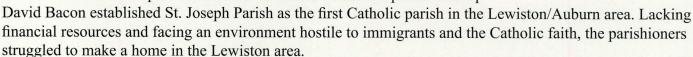
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Most Reverend Richard J. Malone Bishop of Portland

## Introduction 1 C 1 1 1

By Rev. Michael J. Seavey

In 1857, immigrants from the Irish potato famine poured into America, and the nation was but a few years away from a devastating Civil War. In Lewiston, a small community of predominantly Irish families petitioned the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland for canonical status as a parish. Bishop



Over the next several decades, tens of thousands of Catholic French Canadians arrived to work in the textile mills and other industries. The Sisters of Charity, the Dominicans and other religious orders accompanied them, providing needed religious and charitable services. Then other immigrants arrived from Poland, other Eastern European nations, and Italy.

Several more parishes emerged and developed as Catholic populations grew and expanded throughout the Lewiston/ Auburn region. Other religious communities provided teachers for parochial schools, nurses for hospitals, and priests for parishes.

One hundred and fifty years later, the Catholic community and Lewiston/Auburn area communities share a vibrant and interdependent life together. Through the works of mercy, the poor find charity and justice, the grieving find consolation, the illiterate are educated, the sinner finds forgiveness, the despairing find hope, and the stranger finds welcome and a safe place to rest and be at home.

From humble beginnings, but deep faith, the Catholic community has given the church many vocations to priesthood and religious life. Countless sons and daughters served in the Civil War or went abroad to defend our nation's freedoms and friends. Many, having paid the ultimate sacrifice, never came home. Catholics from our area have served as city councilors, mayors, state legislators, judges, eventually including the State Supreme Court and Governor of the State of Maine.

Whether it is 125 years of a parochial school system, the vast outreach of health and social services operated by the Sisters of Charity Health Services, or the St. Martin de Porres homeless shelter, the Catholic faith has made an indelible contribution to the area.

All of these works of God's People, and countless more, reflect hearts formed by word and sacrament of the Catholic Church, faithfully and generously living in the wider community. In these stories, God's love for all is manifested, and Jesus Christ is proclaimed as Lord and Savior.

Theirs is a remarkable story. In these pages, you will read only brief introductions of the history of these parishes and other Catholic institutions. But behind every brief story lies the creative power of the Holy Spirit working through the network of the Church's life.

Never forgetting their past, the Catholic community lives faithfully today and continues preparing for the future. Lewiston/Auburn Catholics face new challenges and vast new changes. The Lewiston/Auburn Catholic community celebrates 150 years of history and fidelity to the mission proclaiming and living the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. But this celebration is only a prelude to that what awaits us in the future.

If we can learn from our history and continue touching the creative power of the Holy Spirit, we can look to our future with hope and enthusiasm. Those writing in another 150 years will be able to state again, "In these stories, God's love for all is manifested, and Jesus Christ is proclaimed as Lord and Savior."



# Saint Joseph's Parish 1 S Parish Lewiston, Maine

Lewiston, Maine 1857-2007



The settlement of Lewiston began in the early 1770's when Paul Hildreth arrived from Dracut, Massachusetts and built a cabin near where the Continental Mill is located. Between 1770 and the early 1830's, the population of Lewiston grew at a moderate pace.

In the early 1830's and for the next twenty-five to thirty years, the population grew very rapidly with the immigration of the Irish from Ireland and the French Canadians from the Province of Quebec. A large segment of the Irish that came to this area were hired to work on the construction of the cotton mills and canals. The French Canadians came to work in the various cotton mills, manning the looms.

During this period, until the formal establishment of a parish in 1857, the religious life of the Irish and French Canadians, who were mostly Catholic, was somewhat disorganized; masses and religious services and other religious activities were held occasionally at various sites ranging from private homes to a shanty converted into a chapel. Included among these were: The homes of Patrick McGillicuddy, a pioneer; Katherine (Catherine) and Patrick O'Donnell, a contractor hired to construct a canal and mills; The Bates Dye House; The Cowan mill; a shanty converted into a chapel as previously mentioned and St. John's Chapel, a building that once served the Free Baptists of the area.

These various services were presided over by a number of priests who came occasionally from Augusta, Portland, Bath, and from as far south as Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Anti-Catholicism was prevalent in those days and in 1855, a political party known as the "Know-Nothing" first damaged and later burned-down St. John Chapel, which was subsequently rebuilt. It was in this stormy historical era that the Most Reverend David W. Bacon, first Bishop of Portland (1855-1875), established St. Joseph's Parish in 1857. The first resident pastor was Reverend John Cullen.

The site of the church at the corner of Blake, Bates and Main Streets was acquired through the good graces of a Franklin Company agent named Albert Kelsey, a Protestant who was more broad-minded than the other directors of the organization from the Boston headquarters of that company and who were strongly anti-Catholic. The following are excerpts of how this acquisition came about, taken directly from the booklet published in 1982 on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of St. Joseph's Parish and entitled "St. Joseph's Parish--The first 125 years" (p. 5 through 7). The local priest at that time, 1855, was Rev. Father Peter McLaughlin.

How this site was acquired is a fascinating story in itself, reflecting all the tensions and anxieties of an industrious Protestant New England encountering the vast influx of Catholic Irish Immigrants. Ruth O'Halloran, of this parish, was instrumental in raising awareness and appreciation of this story and the person involved.

In a 1901 edition of the Lewiston Evening Journal there is a notice of the death of Captain Albert Kelsey in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the age of 90 years. The article concerning his death includes an interview made with him the year previous, an interview made on the basis of the fact that Captain Kelsey had a great deal to do with the development of Lewiston.

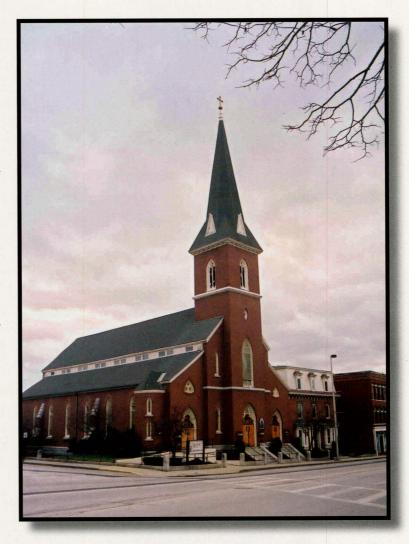
In the article, Captain Kelsey speaks of his involvement with the various churches of this city and most particularly the development of the first Catholic parish.

"There was a little building down on Lincoln Street that had been used by another society for a time. I told the priest that he could have the building for his services. One night someone set fire to the little church. There was a feeling of bigotry abroad in those days. A sort of Apaism (Anti-papist). The alarm of fire was given and I hurried down to the scene. I found 500 to 600 Lewiston people standing on the street opposite the burning building. They were hooting and yelling and jeering. The fire engine had come to the scene, but someone had cut the hose. At that juncture I ordered out the hose from the Bates as the building was almost directly in the rear of the mill".

"I posted men along the hose and told them that if anyone attempted to cut it to hold those men on the premises at all hazards. Then I went to the end of the hose and took the nozzle. First of all I turned it across the street and swept that crowd of persons who stood there shouting in an insulting fashion. They scattered like flies before a shower. Then I put the water on the fire. The building was ruined. Later the priest came to me saying that he understood that the company had voted to give a lot of land to each religious denomination, and asked if I would arrange the same terms for him. He said that 'his people wanted to build a church.' I recommended to him a place on Lincoln Street, and he said that he was 'perfectly satisfied with that.' Then I laid the matter before the Directors of the Franklin Company on my first visit to Boston."

"President Nichols and Director Bates immediately flew up and declared that they would not vote for such a gift, for their part they would do all they could to keep the Catholics from having a lot. They were so powerful in the board and determined that the thing should not be granted, that the matter was dropped for a time. Now I was not more interested in the Catholics than in any other denomination, in fact took more interest in the Pine Street Society than in any other. But, I realized how important it was to encourage Catholicism for the sake of the people who were flocking to our city. When I got back to Lewiston I told Father McLaughlin that he should go to Boston and talk with the Directors of the Company. I would pay his expenses for the trip. He demurred at first, but finally said that he would go along since 'I desired him to do so' and that we would see what could be done."

"When he returned, he said that he 'would never consent' to talk with Mr. Nichols and Mr. Bates again even to get a lot for his church. He said that he had 'never been treated so by any man with whom he's tried to do business.' The thing provoked me. There was hanging on the wall of my office a map of the Franklin Company's land. I led the Father along to it and pointed to the Main Street lot where the Catholic Church now stands. 'There is the finest lot in the city of Lewiston, 'I said to the priest. 'Now, what will you give me for the lot? It is large enough for your church and for the parsonage.' He thought for a moment and then said 'I'll give you \$1,500.00 dollars.' You can have it for that, I said. I made out the deed to the Bishop who lived in Portland and sent it on to Boston for the signatures of the officers. Of course, I took no special pains to tell them just what was going to be set on that lot. The deed went through the head of the office and was duly signed in the course of business and came back. Our terms in the sale of land



were ten percent down and ten percent a year. The priest paid the first installment of \$150.00 dollars and gave notes for the remainder. The Bishop pledged me that he would have a nice church structure put up there as an evidence that they appreciated what had been done for them."

The cornerstone of the church was laid on June 13, 1864 under the then resident pastor, Father Michael Lucey. The church was completed and dedicated in 1867. The architect was Patrick C. Keely of New York.

The need for a French-speaking priest was apparent from the beginning of the immigration of the French-Canadians from Quebec in the first half of the 19th Century since the vast majority of them could not speak English. It became more evident once a formal parish was established and a church built and the

Irish and French-Canadians were attending services in the new church. In 1869, Rev. Father Clement Mutsaers, a bilingual priest, was assigned as curate to the parish. Shortly thereafter, Rev. Father Edward Letourneau, another French speaking clergyman, was assigned to the Lincoln Street Chapel and began ministering to the French-speaking members of the congregation. These assignments formed the basis for the first French-Canadian parish in Lewiston.

It was in 1876 that Father Mutsaers was replaced by Rev. Father Thomas H. Wallace as pastor of St. Joseph's Parish. Over the next ten years, as the number of parishioners grew, Father Wallace saw the need for another church to be built to ease the crowding at St. Joseph's and in 1887 a new parish, St. Patrick, was established only a few blocks away. The construction for the new church began in 1887 and was completed in 1890. Father Wallace continued as pastor of both churches until 1894 when he was appointed as pastor of St. Patrick's and replaced at St. Joseph's by Rev. Father Thomas F. Butler.

Father Butler was pastor until his death in 1917. He made many changes, which improved and beautified the church, including the addition of windows in the clerestory and the present Stations of the Cross memorializing past parishioners.

Rev. Father John E. Kealy replaced Father Butler in 1917. During his years as pastor, he was responsible for engaging a noted artist, Mr. Harry Cochran of Monmouth, Maine, to do the paintings that are in the sanctuary and are still present today. In 1926 he had a carillon of twelve bells, weighing almost nine thousand pounds, installed. They were blessed on May 27th of that year and dedicated to the memory of particular Saints and individuals who were pioneers in the development of the French and Irish Catholic origins here in Maine.

Father Kealy was also instrumental in having the present-day stained glass windows installed, and which memorialize past parishioners. These windows were produced in Munich, Germany. Father Kealy passed away in 1934.

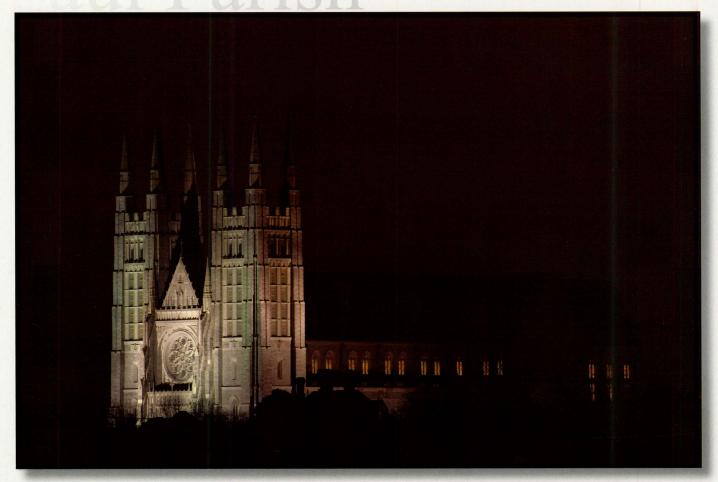
St. Joseph's Parish is credited with establishing the first parochial school system in this area in 1881. The "Bonnalie Block" at the corner of Main and Bates Streets was purchased for the construction of the school. St. Joseph School, at first a school for girls only, was under the care of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame from Montreal. In 1905 the Sisters of Mercy replaced the Sisters of the Congregation, whereas the Sisters of the Congregation assumed charge of the new Wallace School at St. Patrick.

In 1953 land was purchased at the corner of Main and Elm Streets for a new school to replace the "Bonnalie Block" school. Construction began in 1955 and Most Reverend Daniel J. Feeney, Bishop of Portland (1955-1969), dedicated the new school in 1957.

St. Joseph Church was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989.

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish

Lewiston, Maine 1870-2007



ounded in 1870, this parish was first called St. Peter's. It was the first church in Lewiston to serve the French Canadian immigrants coming from the Province of Quebec and the Franco-Americans already established in the Lewiston area.

Originally, services were held in a small chapel, St. John's Chapel, situated on the second floor of a wooden building on Lincoln Street. St. John's Chapel was an extension of St. Joseph's Parish. The chapel, and later, St. Joseph's Church, served both the Irish immigrants and the French Canadian and Franco-Americans until the establishment of St. Peter's Parish.

Due in part to their difference in language, the French speaking population's need to have religious services in their own language became evident. Their numbers were growing quickly and, naturally, they desired to attend services led by a French-speaking clergy. In addition, with the combination of the two groups of immigrants, St. Joseph's became overcrowded.

The first pastor of the new parish was Father Edouard Letourneau (1870-1871) followed by Father Pierre Hevey (1871-1881).

In September of 1881, the Most Rev. James Augustine Healy, Bishop of Portland, entered into a convention

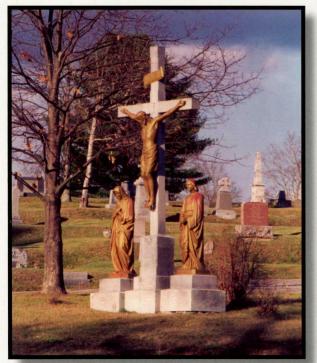
with the Order of the Dominicans from France to take charge of St. Peter's Parish. The first Dominican priest was Rev. Alexandre Mothon, O.P. (1881-1884) and the Order remained in the service of the parish for one hundred and five years (1986).

In 1899, the Dominicans started calling the parish and church SS Peter and Paul.

The first St. Peter's Church was built on Bartlett St. and dedicated in May of 1873. It was an impressive brick building with one large spire. It served the French-speaking population for over thirty years during which time the immigration of French Canadians continued to increase and by the turn of the century the church was too small to accommodate the members adequately. It was demolished in the year 1905 to make way for the construction of a new and larger church.

The basement of the new church was built to serve as the church and did so for almost three decades. The new Gothic style church, as we know it today, was completed in July of 1936 and dedicated on October 23, 1938 by the Most Reverend Joseph E. McCarthy, Bishop of Portland.

The Dominicans were instrumental in establishing many religious organizations derived from the activities of the parish. To name a few: St. Peter's Cemetery in 1874-1876; SS Peter and Paul School in 1878; St. Dominique High School in 1941



SAINT PETER'S CEMETERY

#### THE ORIGINAL SAINT PETER'S CHURCH



for boys and 1946 for girls and St. Peter's Credit Union in 1945 (became Community Credit Union some forty years later).

Prior to the official establishment of the St. Peter's Cemetery in 1874-1876, Canadian immigrants were interned in "Le Cimetiere de la Congregation Canadienne" where 172 such internments took place in that cemetery between 1870 and 1876. The cemetery today exceeds seventy acres on Switzerland Rd.

Basic elementary schooling for the French immigrants took place in private homes prior to the establishment of a formal school in 1878, the year Father Pierre Hevey founded SS Peter & Paul School. Over the years, numerous religious orders were employed in teaching the children, and numerous buildings were constructed and used as schools. The following is a list of the religious orders and school buildings:

#### Religious Orders:

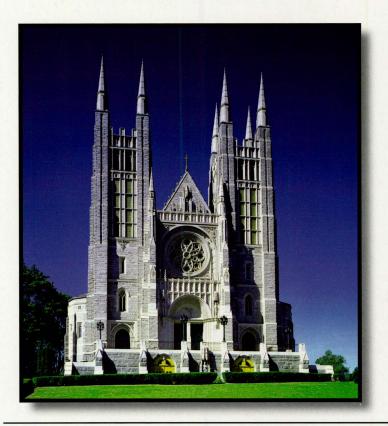
- Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) from 1878.
- Les Petits Freres de Marie (Marist Brothers) between 1886 and 1893.
- Sisters of Sion between 1893 and 1904.
- Dominican Sisters from 1904.
- Brothers of the Sacred Heart from 1928.

#### School Buildings:

- Asylum of Our Lady of Lourdes (corner of Pierce and Walnut Sts.) 1878
- Dominican Block on Lincoln St. between 1881 and 1908.
- St. Paul's School (Le College) between 1887 and 1924.
- Healey Asylum 1893.
- SS Peter & Paul School 1924 (construction started in 1920)

It is said that Father Pierre Hevey was a driving force in establishing a strong and active parish for the French "elements" of the area. It is also generally agreed that the Rev. Alexandre Mothon, OP, played a major role in the parish in the early years. He served during three separate periods: 1881-1884; 1887-1897; 1902-1906.

A history of SS Peter & Paul Parish, even a brief history, would not be complete without mentioning the strong influence of and activities that were generated by the Rev. Francois M. Drouin, OP, in the years he served as pastor, 1940—1952. A very strong believer in education, he established St. Dominic High School and the then St. Dominic Hockey Arena, which was built by volunteers and made almost entirely of wood. This structure burned a few years later and a new arena was built a short distance away and is now known as "Le Colisee" under the ownership of the city of Lewiston. In addition, he was responsible for the establishment of numerous social service programs.



Over the years, many changes and renovations were made to the church, particularly the upper nave. One change made in 1948 under Fr. Drouin was the installation of ten magnificent stained glass windows, replacing the plain colored glass squares that had served as windows since the church was completed in 1936. These strikingly beautiful windows along with the renovations made in recent years, make this church a "must see" site for the local population, as well as visitors to this area.

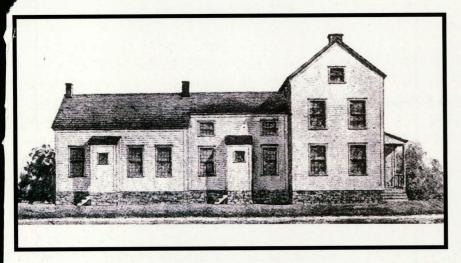
In July of 1983, SS Peter and Paul Church was certified in The National Register of Historic Places in the State of Maine and in 2004, it was designated a minor basilica and was inaugurated as such on May 22, 2005.

# Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns)

Lewiston, Maine 1878-2007

he Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada, came to this area in 1878 at the invitation of Reverend Father Pierre Hevey, a secular priest who had been assigned as pastor of St. Peter's Parish in October of 1871. The role played by the Grey Nuns and the mark they left in the communities of Lewiston and Auburn and surrounding areas is significant and has been far reaching to all the population regardless of nationality or religious background.

One of the objectives of Father Hevey's invitation to the Sisters to come to his parish was to establish a school and to teach the children of the French immigrants, who, for the most part, spoke French only and were ill prepared to attend English speaking public schools. Although the Sisters of Charity's primary calling was to minister to the poor and the sick, they accepted the task of teaching and did so until 1904, at which time they devoted their time and efforts to their primary calling and the teaching of the children in heir orphanages only.



Within a few days of their arrival, the Sisters of Charity were teaching some two hundred boys and girls in a building at the corner of Pierce and Walnut Streets. The school was named Asylum of Our Lady of Lourdes (also known as "L'Orphelinat Notre-Dame de Lourdes"). The building pictured to the left was once the residence of Dr. Louis J. Martel. An addition was built to the Asylum and this became the Grey Nuns first residence in Lewiston.

By 1883, the Asylum school could no longer be used due to the rapidly growing number of French speaking children. The school was transferred to the Dominican Block on the corner of Lincoln and Chestnut Streets. The Dominicans had built this building in 1881 as a community center for the Franco Americans and French Quebec immigrants. Over seven hundred children were taught at that school. The Grey Nuns taught there until 1892 at which time the Sisters of Sion replaced them.





Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, sometimes referred to as "the French Hospital" or "Hospital of the Sisters," was the forerunner of St. Mary's Hospital. It was established in 1888 on a thirty-six acre parcel of land that had been known as the Golder farm (pictured above), at the junction of Sabattus and Pine Streets. It was purchased from Sarah J. Golder. The residence was converted to a thirty-bed hospital.

Well before 1902 when the new St. Mary's Hospital opened its doors, the rapidly growing population of the twin cities soon overwhelmed Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and the need for a larger hospital was evident. Originally, St. Mary's Hospital was a "one hundred and fifty bed and twenty-five bassinets" hospital.

The Sisters of Charity, having identified a need for a home for boys, established the Healey Asylum on the corner of Ash and Bates Streets in 1892. It was named after the Most Reverend James A. Healey, second Bishop of Portland (1875-1900). Boys, ranging in age from two to twelve were the pupils, some of them boarding on a weekly basis from Sunday evening through Friday late afternoon or early Saturday mornings while their parents worked at the local mills or shoe shops. Some of these boarders would spend the weekends at home with their family.



Faced with the growing needs of the elderly population and recognizing the overcrowding in the girls' orphanage, the Marcotte Home and St. Joseph's Orphanage for girls was opened in 1928. F. X. Marcotte had donated funds for the home and the building was named in his honor. One side of the building was used for the elderly and the other side for the orphanage. Like the Healey Orphanage, some of the young girls were boarders on a Sunday evening through Friday evening basis going home over the weekends.





Today, the Sisters of Charity Health System on Campus Avenue encompasses a wide variety of services:

- St. Mary's Regional Medical Center (Hospital), providing a wide variety of services, some specialized, as well as the services usually found in community hospitals.
- Marcotte Home for the aged
- D'Youville Pavilion, a transitional care center offering comprehensive rehabilitation services and a long-term care facility for senior members of the community.
- Community Clinical Services, providing primary and specialty care to residents of the area as well as to outlying areas in Androscoggin and Franklin Counties.

From "temporary teachers" of the local French children in 1878 to a wide-ranging and comprehensive Health System services offered today, the Grey Nuns contributions to our Catholic Community and the Community at large over the past one hundred and twenty-nine years is momentous.

# Saint Patrick's Parish (K'S Parish)

Lewiston, Maine 1886-2007

T t was in August of 1876 that Reverend Thomas H. Wallace was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Parish on Main St. He was to remain in service at that parish until his appointment as full time pastor at the newly built church of St. Patrick.

St. Joseph's Church had become overcrowded and Fr. Wallace saw the need for a new church closer to the Irish settlement in the area. He purchased land and a house on the corner of Bates and Walnut Streets, and in 1887 the Reverend James A. Healy, Bishop of Portland, laid the cornerstone. This site on Bates Street faces the city park and is ideal for such a stately religious edifice.

From 1886, when activities started in earnest for the construction of a new church, through 1890 when the new church was completed, and concluding in 1894, Father Wallace served as pastor of both St. Joseph and the nascent St. Patrick Church. In November 1894 St. Patrick's was designated an independent parish, and Father Wallace was named as pastor.



Father Thomas F. Butler replaced Father Wallace as pastor of St. Joseph's parish.

The first service held at the new church was the midnight Mass on Christmas Day in 1890. The thirty-voice choir, with twelve soloists from St. Joseph's church, sang the high Mass and Vesper service.

The new Church was dedicated in 1896 on the occasion of Father Wallace's jubilee by the Most Reverend Denis M. Bradley, Bishop of Manchester, N. H. (Bishop Healy was ill at the time.)

With the establishment of the parish, the building of the church and his appointment as pastor of the new

parish behind him, Father Wallace turned his attention to the education of the children of his parish. In 1895, land and a house adjoining and situated to the right of the church (on the site of the current parking lot), was purchased and used as a convent for the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. The sisters continued to teach at the St. Joseph School on the corner of Main and Bates Streets.

In 1902, with his own personal funds, Monsignor Wallace purchased the Bates Street Universal Church property, which was located across the church property on Walnut St. and facing the park, and donated this property to the parish. The Universal Church was torn down, and construction of the new school was started in 1904, again funded by Monsignor Wallace. The school opened in September 1905. It was named Wallace School in memory of his father and mother. The Sisters of Notre Dame were transferred to this new school, and the Sisters of Mercy replaced them at St. Joseph School. In 1913 a new convent for the Sisters of Notre Dame was built next to the school at the corner of Walnut and Blake Streets adjacent to the Wallace School. The school served the educational needs of the parish until the end of the 1971/1972 school year.

#### Other notable events over the years:

- A six thousand pound bell was installed in 1892. Bishop Healy blessed the bell in a ceremony in August. An organ was also installed in the same year.
- A mortuary chapel was built in 1910 as an extension to the Immaculate Conception Chapel and the remains of Father Wallace were brought from Mt. Hope Cemetery and interred in it.
- Stained glass windows were installed in 1927
- The Reverend Monsignor Paul D. Gleason, appointed pastor in 1971, saw a dire need to give a helping hand to those less fortunate in the area. Thus was formed St. Vincent de Paul (Thrift Shop) whose motto is "By our works we are known." It is operated entirely by volunteers.

On this 150th anniversary of Catholicism in the Greater Lewiston/Auburn area and with the present "cluster" arrangement in place due to a decrease of clergy and future changes to be determined, it is fitting that one pastor would again administer the two parishes of St. Patrick and St. Joseph as did Monsignor Wallace 117 years ago.

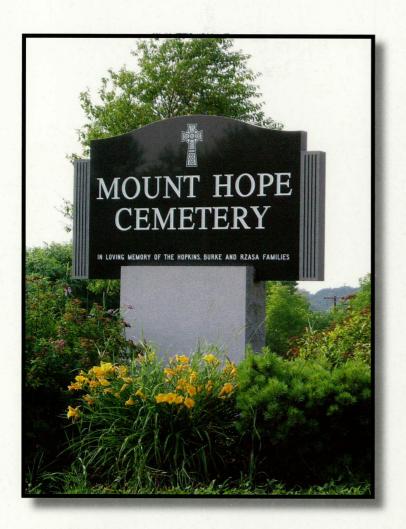
#### **Mount Hope Cemetery in Lewiston**

Mount Hope Cemetery at the junction of Mount Hope Avenue and River Road in Lewiston is and has been the responsibility of St. Patrick's Parish for many years. Just exactly when St. Patrick's (est. 1887) (or perhaps St. Joseph's (est. 1857)) took on the responsibility of the cemetery is not clearly known. It would appear though that the year 1861 (or maybe 1860) might have been the year that it was established based on a short article in the Lewiston Daily Evening Journal on May 9, 1861. The article reads:

#### "Ought this to be?"

"We understand that the Irish are removing their dead from the old burying ground on Sabattus St. to their new Cemetery near the farm of J. B. Ham, Esq. We are informed that several bodies were exhumed and carried through our streets on Sunday last. It is hoped that nothing more of this kind will be suffered on that day."

According to a listing of burials at Mount Hope Cemetery from a book of records entitled "Mount Hope Cemetery, Lewiston, Maine 1847—1958", a "Marg. Brophy born in 1846—(died) 1847" was the oldest



record found of a deceased buried at the cemetery. Therefore it could be assumed that those buried at Mount Hope with a date of death from 1847 through 1860/61, would have been re-interred from the old cemetery on Sabattus St.

Who was responsible for this cemetery between 1847 and the establishment of St. Patrick in 1887 remains a mystery for the time being. The only Catholic Parish in existence in 1861 was St. Joseph's and this parish was probably responsible for the administration of the cemetery. The founder of St. Patrick's was Father Wallace who was pastor of St. Joseph's in 1876 through 1894. At the time of his assignment as full time pastor of St. Patrick's, he brought the responsibility of the cemetery with him to his new parish.



### Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

*Norway, Maine* 1897-2007



he Order of St. Dominic (O.P.) who came to Lewiston in 1881 celebrated Mass in the Norway/South Paris area during the last decade of the 19th century. In April of 1893, the Reverend M. D. Summa, O.P. gathered the Catholics of the area at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Emeley and arranged to have Mass celebrated monthly in various area homes.

By August of 1897, a chapel had been built in South Paris on Alpine Street. The first baptism registered at St. Catherine's was that of Joseph A. Sirois on September 19 of that year.

The new chapel twice met with some unexpected setbacks in the year 1900; it was struck by lightning in May and again in July. The May strike did minimal damage, however the July strike did some serious and extensive damage. (Lightning never strikes twice at the same place?). A decision was made to move and remodel the chapel. The chapel was moved to a site at the corner of Pleasant and Charles Streets in South Paris. Between about 1901 and 1911, various renovations were made. St. Catherine's was a mission parish attached to Yarmouth at this time.

It wasn't until 1914 that the church was blessed (canonically established) as a parish. Shortly thereafter, in 1915, the Cherri Paragard property and residence on Paris St. in Norway was purchased and used as the rectory for the then parish pastor, Father Phillip Boivin who served St. Catherine until 1918.

In March of 1929, Reverend J. Francis Brady was named as pastor. He served the Norway-South Paris area for over thirty-nine years. Early in his pastorate, a decision was made to move the church from Charles Street in South Paris to a lot adjacent to the rectory in Norway. Once in place, two wings were added and constructed onto the main Church. The church now had a new sanctuary and new seats were also added.

By the year 1976-77, the parish had grown to over two hundred families and the parishioners felt a need for additional space for meetings, classrooms, a parish center for activities and an improved worship environment, which would foster a spirit of community celebration. Studies were conducted, designs were made for a new church and plans were approved. In May 1977, the old three-part structure was razed making way for the construction of a new church and parish community center. In the interim, the parishioners maintained faithful attendance at weekend masses held at various sites; The Oxford Hills High School, the Second Congregational Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The stained glass windows from the original church were preserved and installed in the new church; the altar from the old church was redecorated and placed in the chapel adjacent to the main body of the new church. In addition, Mrs. Lelia Bean, a well-known artist whose home is in South Paris, was the person responsible for the artistic accents and artwork in the present church, as well as the restoration and revitalization of the station of the cross and the statues from the old church. Thus the old and the new were combined to create a beautiful new church and parish center. The new complex was completed in May 1978 and dedicated on the 9th of July of that year. The Most Reverend Edward C. O'Leary, Bishop of Portland, was the Principal Celebrant. It was fitting that Reverend Donald L. McAllister, a Norway native, was both a co-celebrant and the homilist whose sermon was on the history of the parish.

# Saint Louis Parish U1S Parish

Auburn, Maine 1902-2007



s the rapid growth and expansion of the French Canadians who migrated to the Lewiston and Auburn area in the 19th century and continued into the 20th century, the need for more and more parishes to serve the Franco-Americans, most of whom were Catholics, was apparent. Travel, particularly in the winter months, was difficult even for short distances and the people wanted to attend services close to where they lived and worked.

At the turn of the century, SS. Peter and Paul Parish was the only French-speaking parish serving all of Lewiston and Auburn.

In May of 1891, the Dominicans of SS. Peter and Paul with Rev. Father Alexandre Mothon, O.P. as pastor, built a combination chapel and school in what is now New Auburn, to meet the religious needs of the Auburn Catholic community. This chapel-school was completed in 1892.

The Daughters of Our Lady of Sion (Sisters of Sion) administered the school until 1904. A convent for the

sisters was built about two or three years after their arrival. The Sisters of the Congregation of the Little Franciscan of Mary (Franciscan Sisters) replaced them when the Sisters of Sion returned to their Mother House in Canada.

The Most Reverend William O'Connell, Bishop of Portland, officially established the parish of St. Louis in 1902. Reverend Father Eugene Gauthier was appointed its first pastor and was commissioned to start the construction of a church. Thus came about the first Catholic Parish to be established in Auburn and the fourth Catholic Church for the twin cities of Lewiston and Auburn. The Dominican Fathers continued to administer and serve the parish until 1907 when St. Mary's Parish was established in Little Canada on the other side of the Androscoggin River. That parish was also an "offshoot" of SS Peter and Paul's.

Shortly after Father Gauthier arrived, the construction of a foundation-basement for the new church was completed and roofed over. Services were held in this basement church until 1916 when the upper church was completed.

The Immigrant population continued to grow and spread outward more and more. In 1923 a new parish, Sacred Heart, derived from St. Louis, was established in another section of Auburn near Minot Ave to better serve the communicants of that area.

In May 1933, the great Auburn fire destroyed in excess of two hundred homes, places of business and the school that had served the parish for over thirty years. A new and better-suited school was immediately built. In 1952 an addition to the school building was added due to the expansion of the Catholic community and subsequent increase in enrollment. The new rebuilt school continued to serve the children of St. Louis until it closed in 1969.

Of a more recent date, St. Louis Parish became a partner in "The Auburn Catholic Community" along with the Parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Philip, both of Auburn. This community structure was formed to address the needs of worshipers in light of the declining number of priests in the Diocese. On May 16th of the year 2000 the parish councils of these three parishes met for the purpose of consolidating their administration under the leadership of two priests to serve all three parishes.

On July 1st 2000, Father Gerald Levesque and Father Louis Phillips were named, respectively, the first pastor and parochial vicar for the Auburn Catholic Community. One year later, in July of 2001, a new combined Pastoral Council was formed with members from all three parishes.

A new era had begun, the first of its kind in the Lewiston and Auburn area.

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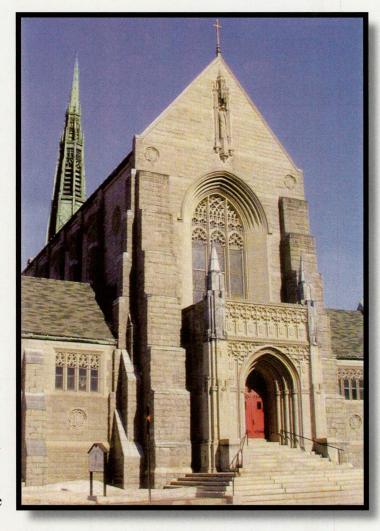


### Saint Mary's Parish

Lewiston, Maine 1907-2000

hroughout the nineteenth century and into the beginning of the twentieth century, a large influx of French Canadians immigrated to the Lewiston/Auburn area. The French-speaking parish and original church of St. Peter's built in 1873 and situated on Bartlett St. became overcrowded, and was demolished in 1905 to make way for the construction of a larger church to accommodate the ever increasing French-speaking population. At the same time, many of the French Canadian immigrants, some arriving at the Grand Trunk Railroad Station on Lincoln St., would settle in and around the southern part of Lewiston, which came to be known as "Little Canada" or "Small Canada."

In 1907 the Most Reverend Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of the Portland Diocese, established a new parish in the neighborhood of Little Canada so as to relieve SS Peter and Paul parish of some of its members and to better accommodate the Franco-American population of that section of the city. Thus was born St. Mary's Parish. Reverend Arthur Hamel, who had been at St. Augustine's in Augusta, became its first pastor.



s Parish

Construction of St. Mary's church started in 1907 but the structure was not completed until 1928. In the interim, Father Hamel held services, first, at the Lewiston City Hall, then the Dominican Hall on Lincoln St. and later in the foundation/basement that had been built on Cedar St. at the site where the new church would be situated. The first Mass in the almost completed church was celebrated on Christmas Day of 1927.

Additional property and buildings adjacent to the church were purchased from the owners of the Continental Mill and one of those buildings became the rectory of the parish. The other buildings served as a school and a residence for the religious orders serving the school and for other purposes related to the parish.

St. Mary's is a beautiful stone church of Gothic design and the architecture is unique with the spire resting near the back of the church. The interior is equally as beautiful with the altar appearing as a church within the church with its spire reaching towards the ceiling. At the time of the dedication of the church, it was proclaimed the most beautiful church edifice built in New England that year.

A parochial school was established and in 1917, The Ursaline Sisters came to teach at the new school. In

approximately 1945, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart came to assist in teaching at the school. The Brothers left in 1964 to set-up a new school in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Gradually, over the years and as we neared the twenty-first century, the parish population decreased substantially due to parishioners moving from the area to up-town locations as well as a general spread throughout the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and other nearby towns. Other parishes and churches were established as those areas' population expanded. Holy Cross Parish, established in 1923 for example, would absorb some of the parishioners from the Lisbon St. and upper Lisbon St. and points south of that main road.

Another gradual development that caused some losses of the parish membership was the increase in automobile ownership and the introduction of other forms of transportation. Whereas in the past, people living in Little Canada also worked, played and shopped close to home, that is, the neighborhood, now they could more easily leave the area for work, play, shopping and whatever else suited them. The closing of the mills, particularly the Continental Mill, was also an important contributing factor for the loss of parishioners. As a result, on July 1, 2000, St. Mary's Parish closed its doors after ninety-three years of serving the Franco-American population in this historical part of the city. Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Gerry celebrated the last Mass on Sunday, June 25, of that year.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Gerry announced that the Catholic Diocese of Portland was turning ownership of the church building over to a local community group who had petitioned the Bishop for the purpose of creating the "Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's Church".

The ending of the parish as such did not bring the beautiful and historic church to a woeful end. Although the loss of their parish was sad and heartbreaking for the parishioners whose life history was closely attached to this church, the transition to its present use as a monument to the history and heritage of the Franco-Americans allows the edifice to remain and remind all of its place in local history. The spirit of the congregation lives on.

Quoting verbatim from the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's Church pamphlet printed at about the time of the closing of the church, the following is the Center's mission as stated in their publication.

#### Our purpose

The Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary's is committed to preserving and promoting all aspects of the Franco-American heritage, including the culture, history, and language. Our mission is to preserve the building and allow St. Mary's to continue to enrich the lives of the people of Lewiston-Auburn and elsewhere by preserving and celebrating the community's French culture.

Establishing the St. Mary's church building as a Franco-American Heritage Center will serve as a tribute to our ancestors who came to Lewiston-Auburn and helped build the community into Maine's second largest metropolitan area and where a majority of the population still has Franco-Canadian roots. The Center will preserve an historical and architecturally significant landmark in our community and establish a central and accessible center for the preservation and display of Franco-American culture. It will also provide the community with a performance hall like no other.

The Center is very active and has numerous uses, including a museum, a place for performances that high-light the Franco-American culture, a community center for gatherings and receptions, and a place to display artifacts that relate to the French Canadians (Franco-Americans) of the area. In addition, it is also a repository to preserve materials and documents that might otherwise get lost, destroyed or misplaced.

A befitting end and beginning for St. Mary's Church.

### Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Sabattus, Maine 1910-2007



he Dominican Fathers of SS. Peter and Paul's Parish in Lewiston accepted the missionary call to serve the Catholic population of Sabattus and surrounding areas in 1910. It is believed that they also served this same population for some five or more years prior, but on a more occasional basis. The parish remained as a mission under their spiritual leadership until 1975, at which time it became a parish of its own.

The first appointed priest was Dominican Father Thomas Gill, O.P., who had arrived here from Canada in the same year. Prior to his arrival, religious services were being held at Martin's Point off Sabattus Lake and in the public school on the corner of Green and Pleasant Streets.

A purchase of land was made from

property owned by a Mr. Charles Maxwell. In the spring of 1913, the cornerstone of the church was laid without pomp and ceremony and the proposed new church was given the name of Our Lady of the Rosary. At first, construction was slow, resulting in the basement of the new church being completed in late 1915 some two and a half years after the construction started. The first Mass was celebrated on Christmas Day of that year.

With the help of the Dominicans in Lewiston, the local population, friends and parishioners, interest in the church's construction accelerated and the church was completed the following year in 1916. The church was closed from 1923 to 1926 due to a lack of available priests. Father Joseph Archambeault, O.P. was assigned to the parish and it was reopened in 1926. Since the Dominican's were not directly under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Portland, it is believed that a Bishop from Canada, possibly a Dominican, dedicated the church shortly after the reopening.

The next significant event to occur in the parish was the opening of a parochial school in 1928. At first, classes were held in the basement of the church and the Dominican Sisters who had arrived in Sabattus in 1927 staffed the school.

In 1960 Father Marc G. LeBlanc, O.P., was appointed as pastor of the Mission. He stayed until 1969 at which time he was named chaplain of the Dominican cloistered sisters in Canada.

During his appointment, Father LeBlanc saw the need for enlarging the church and school. Both had become too small to accommodate the rapidly increasing population of the area. The parish served the Catholics from the towns of Sabattus, Wales, Greene, part of Monmouth, Litchfield, West Bowdoin and part of Lewiston. In the summer months, worshippers filled the church and some had to stand outside the church to hear services.

Around 1962, a new school building, attached to the church, was constructed to accommodate the increasing number of pupils attending the parochial school. The school closed its doors in 1986, as did many other church schools in the Diocese around that time, due to decreasing enrollment and financial difficulties experienced by the parish.

Under the direction of Father Raymond Laframboise, O.P., who was appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary in 1971, the Mission was prepared for eventual transfer to the Diocese of Portland and to be established as a parish on its own. This occurred in 1975 and the first pastor of the new parish was Rev. Marcel Chouinard.

Nineteen seventy-six was the year that Our Lady of the Rosary acquired the responsibility for the Saint Francis Monastery in Greene. The parish that had been a Mission of the Dominican's of Lewiston for about seventy years now had its own Mission, just one year after it became a parish.

Father Robert A. Parent, a Melkite Greek-Catholic priest of the Diocese of Newton, MA and a native of Lewiston, returned home to care for his mother, and being bi-ritual in the Latin Rite offered his services to the Bishop of Portland. He was assigned to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and Saint Francis Mission in June of 2004.

Saint Francis Monastery, Greene, Maine, 1943—2007

The origination of Saint Francis Monastery in Greene dates back to November 1943.

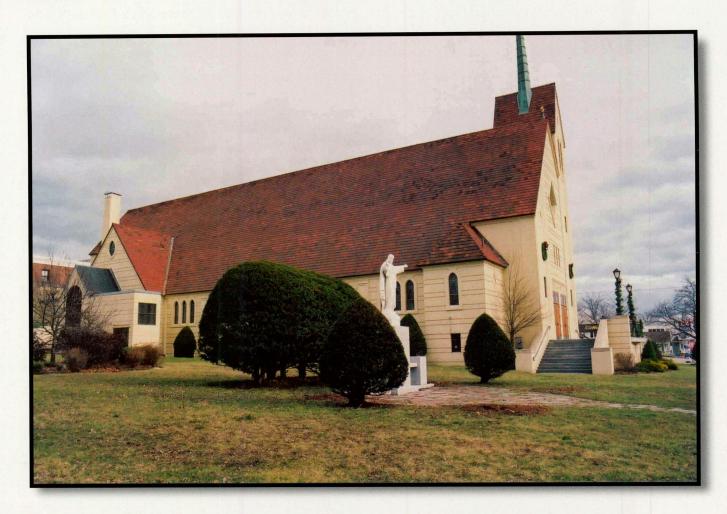
In 1940, at the beginning of World War II, the Soviet Union occupied and annexed Lithuania. Shortly thereafter, the country came under German Occupation and returned to Soviet Union rule in 1944. As a result of this upheaval, the Franciscan's were persecuted and their monasteries confiscated. This resulted in the order having to leave the country and seek to establish themselves elsewhere.

Father Justin Vaskys, a Franciscan, was sent to the United States to establish new Franciscan monasteries. In November 1943, Father Vaskys, with the help of Monsignor Felix Martin, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston, purchased a farmhouse with one hundred acres of land, which is the present location of the Monastery in Greene. The first Lithuanian Franciscan Monastery in the United States was established. In August 1944, Monsignor George P. Johnson dedicated the new Monastery.

It wasn't until 1976 that the Lithuanian Franciscans left the Monastery and the property was transferred to the Diocese of Portland. It became a mission of Our Lady of the Rosary in Sabattus. A lay family lived at the Monastery for a period of three years, then, in 1979, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart occupied the Monastery and remained for a period of eight years. All the while, the clergy of Our Lady of the Rosary continued to perform services at the mission and are still doing so at this time.

# Holy Cross Parish SS Parish

Lewiston, Maine 1923-2007



oly Cross Parish is one of three parishes that were established in the greater Lewiston/Auburn area in the year 1923 by the Most Reverend Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of Portland. The other two parishes were Holy Family in Lewiston and Sacred Heart in Auburn. It had been sixteen years since the last parish, Saint Mary's by the Androscoggin River, had been created in 1907.

Immigrants from Ireland and especially French Quebec, attracted by the jobs offered by the textile mills, continued to arrive in large numbers, greatly increasing the population of Lewiston and Auburn and surrounding areas. People fanned out and settled throughout the twin cities and the existing parishes, numbering five at that time, were overwhelmed with parishioners. In addition, distances, even short distances, made it difficult at times for parish members to attend services. This was true particularly in the cold and sometimes severe weather that this area of the State encountered in the fall and winter months. Thus, to relieve the existing parishes of their overcrowded conditions and to provide easier access to religious services for the ever-spreading communities, new parishes were formed.

Holy Cross Parish initially held services in the former Androscoggin Sanatorium, located off Scribner Blvd. The Reverend Michael F. Drain was the parish first pastor. Father Drain wasted no time in getting the parish going. Within a few weeks he acquired about ten acres of land on what was known as West Rose Hill, from the Walter Scribner farm. Construction of a new combination church and school building began in Decem-

ber 1923 and was in service in 1924. It appears that a Mass was said in the unfinished building on Easter of that year, but the first official Mass was said on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in September of 1924, in honor of the parish name.

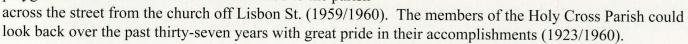
The parochial school was established in 1927. Six Sisters of the Presentation of Mary of St. Hyacinth, Quebec arrived from Hudson, New Hampshire on August 11, 1927 to take charge of the new school, and they began teaching classes in September.

By 1939 when Reverend Felix Martin was assigned as pastor, the population of the surrounding community serviced by Holy Cross had increased dramatically. It was said that it was the section of the city that had the largest and fastest growth within the twin cities.

To accommodate this fast-increasing church population, the Reverend Father Martin embarked on a program of enlargement and improvements of the church, school, and living quarters for the nuns. In addition, the parishioners showed an interest in having other facilities for their parish: a new church building, more classrooms for the school, improvements for the rectory, new convent for the Sisters, a parochial hall and a playground.

A fund raising program was started during the Second World War years, and a sizeable sum was accumulated for the construction of a new church. Plans for the new church were drawn-up in 1946 and construction began the following year. The Reverend Monsignor George P. Johnson, Vicar General, dedicated the church on June 20, 1948, as the Most Reverend Joseph E. McCarthy, Bishop of Portland, who was seriously ill at that time could not attend.

For the next twelve years, on a pay-as-you-go basis, the church parochial hall was built in the basement of the church (1950/1951); a convent for the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary was constructed (1956); and a playground was constructed on a lot donated to the parish



The Reverend Monsignor Felix Martin retired from the parish in 1970. He passed away in 1971.

Major renovations to the church were made in 1985.



# Holy Family Parish 11 Parish Lewiston, Maine 1923-2007



In the one hundred year period between approximately 1830 and 1930, the greater Lewiston area saw large numbers of immigrants from the Province of Quebec settle within the city. Many, if not most, would settle in the area that became known as "Little Canada" or "Small Canada," situated along the shore of the Androscoggin River.

As the years went by, the Franco-American population relocated in all directions throughout the cities of Lewiston/Auburn and surrounding towns. This necessitated the establishment of new parishes due to the ever-increasing French presence and the distances that this population would have to travel to attend religious services, sometimes under difficult weather conditions.

It was in this setting that the Most Reverend Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of the Diocese of Portland Maine established the parish of Holy Family on October 28, 1923. The Reverend Monsignor Vital E. Nonorgues, then, only age thirty-five, was assigned as the first pastor of this newly created parish, where he would stay until 1961. The first Mass was celebrated on the first Sunday in November of that year at the Thorn's Corner Grange Hall located at the corner of Sabattus St. and Old Greene Road. The Grange Hall continued to be used for services while arrangements were made to purchase a seventeen-acre property on Mitchell Hill on Sabattus Street.

Also in 1923, a contract was signed for the construction of a new combination school and chapel. On

Christmas Day of 1924, the first Mass was celebrated in the new building. It was not until June 8, 1925 on Pentecost Sunday, however, that the new church/school opened its doors. The first floor was the church and on the second floor were the classrooms and living quarters for teachers. The basement of the building was used as a parish hall.

At the invitation of Most Reverend John G. Murray, Bishop of Portland, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon, France arrived on February 10, 1926. They were housed in two rooms in the school building.

During the next few years, the student population of the parish increased substantially and the corresponding increase in the number of Sisters of St. Joseph, made it necessary for the Congregation to construct a convent to house the Sisters. This was done with their own funds and in 1932, on Holy Saturday, the ten Sisters moved into their new quarters.

The Franco-American population increased dramatically in this area of the city over the ten-year period 1943 to 1953. The church and school building were no longer adequate to accommodate the parish needs. As a result, the construction of a foundation/basement church was undertaken in the spring of 1949. Most Reverend Daniel J. Feeney, D.D., Bishop of Portland blessed this new church in 1950. The original church and school were converted to provide sixteen classrooms for the school.

For the next nine years the parishioners of Holy Family worshiped in the basement church. The super-structure of the church, as we know it today, was completed in 1959 and blessed by Bishop Feeney on May 30, 1960. A little over eight months later, in February of 1961, Monsignor Nonorgues passed away having served as pastor from the founding of the parish in 1923, a total of thirty-eight years. He had lived long enough to realize his dreams for the parish with the blessing of the new church. In the interim, Rev. Roger Ouellette, assistant to Monsignor Nonorgues, acted as administrator until the Reverend Josephat Sevigny was named the new pastor of Holy Family in June of 1961.

The first rectory of the parish was a building that had been on the site at the time of the purchase of the property and had been restored for use by the presiding priests. This building was too small, too old and inadequate for the needs of this growing parish. In 1962, with the blessing of Bishop Feeney, the construction of a new rectory was started and completed in 1964.

The Holy Family Parochial School closed its door after the school year in June of 1973. This was due to the shortage of religious teachers and the higher cost of hiring lay teachers as well as other economic problems. The school had been at the service of the parish children for forty-eight years.

# Sacred Heart Parish Cart Parish

*Auburn, Maine* 1923-2007



he Lewiston and Auburn area experienced an influx of immigrants of Irish and French Canadian descent during the period starting about 1830 through the turn of the century and for the first quarter of the twentieth century. In general, the Irish came for the construction of the canals and mills and the French Canadians came to work in the mills.

Starting in 1857 with the establishment of the first Catholic parish of St. Joseph's on Main Street in Lewiston and through 1907, five parishes and churches had been created and built as the population dispersed throughout the area. Continued immigration and growth of the established population necessitated additional parishes to accommodate the Catholic populace.

As a result, the Most Reverend Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of Portland, established three parishes in the year 1923; two in Lewiston; Holy Family and Holy Cross and one in Auburn; Sacred Heart. The first pastor of the newly created Sacred Heart Parish was Reverend George M. Poirier. He served the parish for two years.

Father Edouard Nadeau, a native of Auburn, replaced Father Poirier in 1925, but was pastor of the parish for only one year. In 1926, Reverend Armand J. Chabot, also a native of Auburn, was named the new pastor of Sacred Heart. He remained in that capacity until 1946, a period of twenty years.

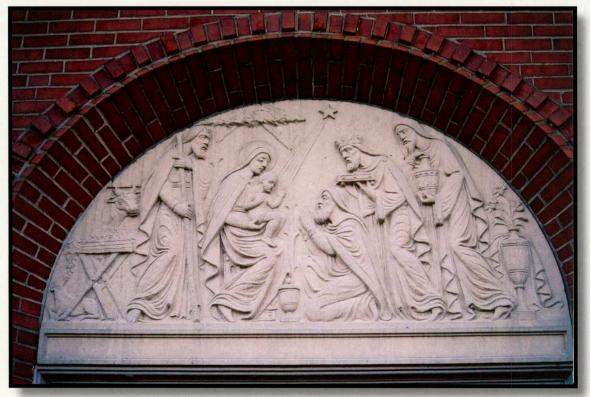
In 1923 the Charles Vickery property was acquired. It consisted of a residence and a large stable on seven acres at the corner of Minot and Western Avenues. The residence was used as the rectory and the stable was remodeled, converted and equipped for use for church services. This arrangement continued until 1938 while funds were being raised and the new church was being built. Services were celebrated for the first time in the newly constructed church in 1938. Shortly thereafter, the stable was torn down.

Father Emanuel Grondin replaced Father Chabot in 1946. Under his leadership, a new parochial school was started in 1952 with grades one through three. Over the ensuing years, the school grew and other grades were added until it went to the level of a junior high school. The teaching of the children was entrusted to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyons. A convent was built for them in 1957 adjacent to the school building. The school closed its doors at the end of the school year in 1972.

St. Peter's School, originally located between Bates and Blake Streets., moved its operations from Lewiston to the Sacred Heart School in 1997. Four years later, in 2001, the school became part of Sacred Heart Parish and was renamed St. Peter and Sacred Heart School.

The old St. Peter School building in Lewiston continued to be used by St. Dominic High School until it moved to its new school in Auburn in 2002.

Note: Also see: "Auburn Catholic Community"



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### Our Lady of Ransom Parish

Mechanic Falls, Maine
1931-2007

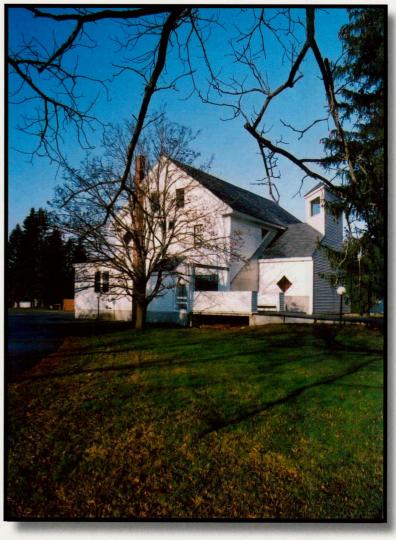
In the first half of the nineteenth century and through 1954, the town of Hebron Maine was the home of a tuberculosis center called the Western Maine Sanatorium. Many of its patients and staff were Catholics. There was no Catholic church or chapel nearby and many patients did not get the benefit of the Sacraments of the Church, including the Last Rites.

The Most Reverend John G. Murray, Bishop of Portland, had received many complaints from the occupants, both patients and staff, and in March of 1929 assigned Father John F. Conoley as pastor of a newly created parish in Hebron and named it Christ the King. Then, in 1931, a new mission was established in Mechanic Falls and it was called Our Lady of Ransom, which was assigned to Christ the King parish. Bishop Murray acquired the Waterman estate on Elm Street in Mechanic Falls. This property consisted of the residence and a stable. The residence eventually became the rectory and the large barn was remodeled and became the church.

July of 1933 saw the establishment of Our
Lady of Ransom Convent at Mechanic Falls, for the purpose of providing a Center for Religious Instruction
for the people of the mission area. The Sisters of Mercy staffed the convent.

Seven years later, in August of 1940, the convent was closed due to a lack of Sisters available in the Mechanic Falls area. It was reopened in July of 1945 and closed again, this time, for good, in 1949. In their eleven years stay in the area, the Sisters left their mark. They were very active in their pursuit of providing religious instructions to the local population, Catholic or otherwise, and provided many imaginative and innovative programs.

The Western Maine Sanatorium closed its door in 1954 and the patients were transferred elsewhere and many of the staff moved away, thus substantially diminishing the number of parishioners of Christ the King. In 1956 Father John Conoley retired due to age and ill health. Father Peter J. Flanagan replaced him and his letter of appointment directed him to relocate the parish from the town of Hebron to Mechanic Falls.





Shortly thereafter, Christ the King ceased to exist and the property in Hebron was subsequently sold.

The area serviced by the parish was extensive comprising of the towns of Mechanic Falls, Hebron, Minot, Poland, Oxford, Raymond and Otisfield. Father Flanagan served six years at Our Lady of Ransom. In 1962, he was reassigned as first pastor of Saint Pius Church in Portland.

In 1973, the Church underwent major renovations to conform to the decrees of worship of the Second Vatican Council.

Saint Mary's of the Assumption Mission, Oxford, Maine, 1923—2007

Prior to 1923, the Catholic population of Oxford Maine attended religious services in private homes and eventually, as the congregation grew, at the Engine Hall nearby.

Oxford was also the home of the Oxford Spring Sanatorium. At the close of World War I, there were 135 tuberculosis patients at the establishment, of which eighty-five were Catholics. The need for a weekly Mass and a Church was evident.

The local Catholic population acquired land and a church was built. The dedication was held on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1923. Father James Redding, pastor of Saint Catherine's Church in Norway officiated. This new church became a mission attached to the Norway parish.

In the same year as the dedication, fate dealt a dismal blow to both the new church and the Sanatorium. The Oxford Spring Sanatorium was destroyed by fire and the patients residing there were transferred to the State of New York, thus decreasing the number of parishioners by their numbers. This left a substantial financial burden on the remaining local parishioners, a burden that took over thirty-five years for the mission to erase.

In 1931, Saint Mary's of Oxford was assigned as a mission Church to Christ the King Parish in Hebron, then, in 1954, when the Hebron church was closed and relocated to Mechanic Falls, Saint Mary's became a mission Church of Our Lady of Ransom.

### Saint Dominic Regional High School

*Auburn, Maine* 1941-2007

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Reverend Francois M. Drouin, O.P, a Dominican priest, was named pastor of SS Peter & Paul Parish in 1940. This dynamic priest came to this community with a vision for the parish, part of which was the establishment and development of a strong Catholic education for the young people of central Maine.

He envisioned a "campus" which would eventually include school buildings, a library, a sports field and an arena. Thus was born St. Dominic High School.



ORIGINAL ST. DOM'S ON BARTLETT STREET



ST. DOM'S FOR GIRLS

The school opened on September 8, 1941, for boys only, in the former clubhouse of L'Association Saint-Dominic, a building located on Bartlett St. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart staffed the newly established high school. Five years later, in 1946, the Dominican Sisters established St. Dominic High School for girls only. This branch of the school was lodged in a section of St. Peter's School located between Bates and Blake Streets. The separate segments became co-ed in 1966 when the Dominican Sisters could no longer provide the teachers necessary to continue teaching at the girl-only school.



ST. DOM'S FIRST ARENA

campus.

Father Drouin, with his enterprising qualities, inspired strong community support. He lost no time in undertaking construction of an arena on a plot of land bordered by Howe, Birch, Jefferson and Walnut Streets. He solicited volunteers, donations of land, heavy machinery and sufficient manpower to prepare the grounds for the construction of the arena, which was built mostly of wood, shortly after the High School opened. In addition, he established the March of Dimes (La Marche des Dix Sous), a parish collection that went to the St. Dom's Fund to raise money for more development of his dream

#### CENTRAL MAINE YOUTH CENTER

Unfortunately, a setback occurred in 1956 when the arena was destroyed by fire. After many discussions on the idea of rebuilding, the decision was made to start construction of a new arena, this time of concrete and metal, at the corner of Birch and Jefferson Streets on the site originally intended for the new high school building. The funds for the rebuilding effort came from insurance money, collections from La Marche des Dix Sous and other fund raising activities. This unexpected event exhausted any reserves earmarked for the expansion of the proposed campus, and the school never really recovered



from it. Under subsequent ownership, the new arena was eventually sold and came to be known as the Central Maine Youth Center (CMYC) and presently is known as Le Colisee.

In 1966, the Diocese of Portland took charge of the high school and renamed it Saint Dominic Regional High School. The funding for the newly regionalized school would come from the eight parishes in the Lewiston and Auburn area, and in 1968, with the creation of St. Philip Parish, a ninth parish was added to help in the support of the school. Parishes outside of the L/A area would also support the high school according to the number of students each parish sent to the school.

In 1973, some of the classes were moved to the old Wallace School at the corner of Walnut and Bates Streets. Other classes were held in a section of St. Peter's elementary school and were earmarked for use by St. Dom's.

For the next twenty-five years numerous changes took place in the staffing and also in the curriculum to meet the needs of the rapidly changing times. The number of Brothers of the Sacred Heart declined and were replaced by lay faculty. Tuition increased to meet the greater costs of operation due to these and other changes. But, Saint Dominic Regional High WALLACE BUILDING



School remained faithful to its stated mission of providing a quality, faith-filled education to the young people of the area.

In 1998, under the leadership of the Most Reverend Joseph J. Gerry, Bishop of Portland, plans were announced for the construction of a new school. A Capital Campaign Committee was established to raise the



ST. DOM'S REGIONAL H.S. TODAY

funds needed for this project. Mr. and Mrs. John Schiavi donated a sixty-eight acre parcel of land situated near the junction of Gracelawn Rd. and Turner St. and Lake Auburn for the new school. On August 8, 2000, on the feast of St. Dominic, a groundbreaking ceremony took place on the site with over three hundred dignitaries and local people attending. The new Saint Dominic Regional High School proudly opened its doors on January 6, 2002.

The school continues to provide the quality education that Reverend Francois Drouin envisioned as indicated by the large percentage of its graduates, ninety-five percent, who go on to higher education.

# Saint Philip's Parish 10'S Parish

*Auburn, Maine* 1968-2007

The Most Reverend Peter L. Gerety, Bishop of Portland, founded St. Philip's Parish on September 18, 1968 to meet the needs of the expanding Catholic population of Lewiston and Auburn, particularly in the East Auburn area and points north. Prior to the creation of this parish, the nearest Catholic churches were situated across town in New Auburn and on Minot Ave in



Auburn and on Main Street in Lewiston. Monsignor Edmond J. Hache was assigned to the parish.

While arrangements were being worked on for the funding and eventual construction of a church, services were being held, at first, in a storefront on Summer Street where the first Mass was celebrated on October 6, 1968. Subsequently services were held at the Park Street United Methodist Church.

A parcel of land on Route 4 facing beautiful Lake Auburn and a very appropriate setting for this church was acquired from Mr. Gilbert Hathaway, then a non-catholic, for the construction of the contemporary worship center. The church was dedicated on August 29, 1971.

A cross made of barn timbers was placed above the entry to the church to honor the request of the aging benefactor that something from the Hathaway farm be used in the construction of the church. Mr. Hathaway later became Catholic and was received into the church at St. Philip.

An education wing and parish center was erected between 1988 and June of 1990 at which time this addition was dedicated.

In 1995, St. Philip's was chosen as one of five Maine parishes to pilot the Passionist Family Group Movement in the USA, which was introduced to this country by Father Peter McGrath, C.P. from Australia.

Note: Also see: "Auburn Catholic Community"

# Holy Trinity Parish 11 Parish Lisbon Falls, Maine

Lisbon Falls, Maine 1995-2007



he roots of the present day Holy Trinity Parish of Lisbon Falls go back to at least 1872 when Reverend James P. Gorman celebrated a Mass in Lisbon Falls at the home of Dennis Haggerty. Over the next thirteen years religious services were held at various sites including the Androscoggin Water Power hall on the present site of the Worumbo Mill, the McCarthy homestead, the former Harding

Hotel on Oak St. now the Masonic Hall, and at Central Hall in Lisbon village. From this humble beginning, three parishes were established between 1885 and 1923. (A brief history of the three original parishes follows.)

On January 1, 1995 Holy Trinity Parish was founded through a consolidation of the three parishes in the Lisbon Falls and Lisbon area. St. Anne's of Lisbon, Holy Family and SS. Cyril & Methodius of Lisbon Falls merged to form one parish.

In June of 1995, Marcel and Evelyn Doyon, parishioners, donated a parcel of land of more than six acres located on Forest Hill Avenue in Lisbon Falls for the construction of the proposed new church.

Four years later, on March 29, 1999, groundbreaking took place and construction began. The new church was dedicated on December 19, 1999, just in time for Christmas, by the Most Reverend Joseph J. Gerry, O.S.B. officiating. The pastor at the time was Father Anthony Kuzia, C.M. Forty priests attended the dedication and about seven hundred parishioners, friends and well-wishers were also present. In the years between the merger to one parish and the opening of the new church, services continued to be held in the three existing churches.

Another four years went by, when in 2004, The Parish Center was constructed as an attachment to the church. The new Parish Center holds the offices, parish hall, classrooms and meeting rooms for use by the various parish organizations and for activities of the congregation.

#### St. Anne's Parish (formerly)

Most Reverend James A. Healy, Bishop of Portland, established the oldest of the three merged parishes, St. Anne's, in 1885. Reverend Henry McGill was named the first pastor. Shortly thereafter, the Fairbank's property was purchased. The home was used as a rectory and the barn was renovated and converted into a church. The celebration of the first Mass in the new church was on Easter Sunday April 4, 1886. Bishop Healy dedicated the church in October of the same year.

By 1902, the church had become too small to accommodate the rapidly increasing Catholic population and a new and larger church was constructed with the first Mass being celebrated on Easter Sunday of that year. However, the dedication did not take place until November of 1906.

This parish also established Ste. Bernadette School in September of 1931. The school was housed in a converted and renovated hotel and rooming house, formerly known as the Farwell House, which also served as a convent for the Sisters of the Presentation who staffed the school. The school closed at the end of the school year in 1969 due to lack of enrollment and for economic reasons. The former school, still the property of the parish, was converted into a Parish Center in the spring of 1984 and used for the various parish activities and religious education.

#### Holy Family Parish (formerly)

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#### SS. Cyril & Methodist Parish (formerly)

The greater Lisbon area, especially Lisbon Falls, was populated by a large number of Slovak settlers since before the turn of the century. They joined together in fraternities and eventually formed their own organization, the Slovak Catholic Association of Lisbon Falls. They desired to have a church of their own with masses and services in their own language and customs. SS. Cyril & Methodius parish of Lisbon Falls was founded in September 1923 at about the same time three parishes were founded in the Lewiston and Auburn area by the Most Reverend Louis S. Walsh, Bishop of Portland. The rapidly growing population of Lewiston and Auburn and surrounding towns necessitated the creation of many additional parishes, not only in this area but across the state as well. In 1926, their newly constructed church was blessed and dedicated by the Most Reverend John G. Murray, Bishop of the Portland Diocese.

## Auburn Catholic Community

*Auburn, Maine* 2000-2007

he Auburn Catholic Community consisting of three distinct parishes, Sacred Heart, Saint Louis and St. Philip, became a reality on May 16, 2000 when a joint meeting of the three parish councils took place for the purpose of discussing and implementing some changes, to benefit the consolidation of the administration of the new cluster. This came about as a result of a decline in the number of priests available at that time and for the foreseeable future. Two priests would serve the cluster.

On July 1, 2000, Father Gerald Levesque and Father Louis Phillips were named, respectively, the first pastor and parochial vicar for the Auburn Catholic Community.

One year later, July 2001, a new Pastoral Council was formed. The new council consisted of three lay members from each parish, the two presiding priests, a Pastoral Associate and a Permanent Deacon, who were both members of the Pastoral Team.

# Trinity Catholic School

Lewiston, Maine 2006-2007

Major changes in demographics in the Lewiston and Auburn area along with planned diocesan reconfiguration of the local parishes and the need to remain competitive by making better economic use of resources, the Diocese of Portland approved the recommendations of a Task Force chaired by Father Frank Murray to consolidate the three Catholic parochial schools of the twin cities.

In early 2006, the children of the three schools, under the guidance of the individual school staffs, elected to have the new school named Trinity Catholic School. The new school opened in September for the school

year 2006-2007, with the former St. Joseph school building assigned to house grades six through eight and the former Holy Cross school building for grades pre-K through grades five.

Note: For prior historic information on the three merged schools see the histories of the four parishes affected by this merger. (St. Joseph Parish; Holy Cross Parish; SS. Peter & Paul Parish and Sacred Heart Parish)





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## **Memorial Intentions**

In memory of the generations who have gone before us, by the generations that are alive to remember them; for together we are the church.

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living."

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	Dostie, Sr. Cecile Marie	
	Dow, David	Becky Gagnon & Family
	Doyon, Ernest & Josephine	George Doyon
	Doyon, Laurent P.	Marcel & Gert Chasse
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	Doyon, Raymond	

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1		Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Drapeau
		Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Remillard
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	Dube, Lucien S.	
	Dube, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J	
	Dube, Shantelle E	
	Dube, Therese J	
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	Dubois, Rosario & Yvonne	
60		Germain & Theresa Garant
		Joseph & Lorraine Scrivano
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2		Jeanne d'Arc Turgeon
	Dumond, Norman K	
	Dumond, Therese	
		Bob & Julie Dumond
	Dumont, Albert J.	
		David & Carmen Clifford
	Dykeman, Louisa C.	
	Eaton, Thelma	
		John & Rosemarie Butler
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5	Estes, Francis K. Cole	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE
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	Farris, Charles & Ruby	
		George & Suzanne Ferguson Connie Ferguson Lemieux
		Mandi GreenleafLaura Lee (Figoli) Fillion
		Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Bernier
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	Fortini, Ray	Cecile M. Fortini
		Mr. & Mrs. James Therrien & Family
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	Fraser, Joseph Lawrence	Raymond & Milagros FournierAlphonse & Jacqueline Veilleux
	Frechette, Carolann	John Freve
	Gagne, Alfred & Irene	Joe Gagne
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	Gagne, Mr. & Mrs. Valere	JoAn GagneWilfrid A. Paradis & Family
	Gagne, Muriel	
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	Galarneau, Bert	
	Gamache, JacquelineGarant Family	Raymond Gamache
	Garant, Pauline	

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Garneau, Napoleon	Dennis L. Morin
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Gauthier, Gerard	Laurette Gauthier
Gauthier, Roland	
Geiger, Francis O.	
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Girard, Don Jr.	
Girard, Don Sr. & Laurence	
Girard, Georgette	
Girard, Roderick & Gertrude	
Girard, Roland	
Girardin, Marcel	
Girouard Family	
Gladu, Henri & Mathilde	CONTRACTOR CARDON CONTRACTOR CONT
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Godbout Family	
Godin, Mr. & Mrs. George	
Godin, Roland E	
Gosselin, Arthur & Delia	
Goulet, Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse & Family	
Goulet, Mr. & Mrs. Edouard	
Goulet, Phil & Aurore	Marguerite Pelletier
Goulet, Rene	
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Greek, Yvette (St. Hilaire)	
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Grenier, Janine	
Grenier, Leopold	
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	Norm & Mary Jane Guerette
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Gurschick, John Henry Sr.	
Gurschick, Karl Wenzel	- CA
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	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Hammerschmidt
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	Mildred (Flaherty) Whittingham
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Higgins, David & Genevieve	
Higgins, David Jr.	Dorothy Higgins
Higgins, Larry W	Lorraine Higgins
Higgins, Michael	Lorraine Higgins
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9 36	Johnson, Harriet	
1	Jones, Hector & Dora	
	Jutras, Edgar & Marie	
	Jutras, Edmond & Family	
	Kane, James F.	
	Kane, James K.	
	Kay, Edwin R.	
	Keaney, Thomas	F. R. Lepage Family
	Keene, Dottie	
9	Keene, Helena T.	
	Kelly, Frank	
	Keylor, Fred	Rita Keylor
	Kibbie, James & Susan	
	Kim, Theresa CJ	John P. Kang
	Labbe, Ralph & Yvonne	Jean Luc & Elise LaDouceur
	Labbe, Robert (Bob)	Lorraine Labbe & Family
	Labonte, Charles & Regina	Robert & Stella Murphy
	Labonte, Dominic & Jeanne	Jeannine St. Hilaire
	Labonte, George & Ida	Jeannine St. Hilaire
	Labonte, Janice	
FI	Labonte, Robert	
	Labrecque, Laurent A	Susan Marie Madore & Family
	Labrecque, Victor & Irene	
7	Lachance, Arthur & Alice	THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF
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	Lachance, Robert	
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	Lacombe, Willie & Rolande	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T
N F	Lacourse, J. Roland	
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	LaDouceur, Guy & Candide	
	LaDouceur, Guy Jr.	
7 31	LaDouceur, Peter	
	LaDouceur, Robert	
	LaFlamme Family	
	LaFontaine, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur	
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	Landry, Gerard E.	
	Landry, Roger N	Diane Flagg
1	Langlois, Edmond & Bibiane	
	Laplume, Ovila & Germaine	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond S. Laplume
	Lapointe, Etwilda	Richard & Cecile Verreault
	Lapointe, Gilbert J	Helene Lapointe
45	Lapointe, Gilbert J. Sr	Armand & Rose Girard
	Lapointe, Laurent & Lucie	Don & Diane Nadeau & Family
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200	Larock, Roland	Ellen Larock
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	LaRue, Patricia	
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Lepage. Aime & Georgianna	
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Level, Wilfred & Ida	Della Bentz
Levesque, Mr. & Mrs George Sr.	
Levesque, Mr. & Mrs. Edmund	Mr. & Mrs. Roger Brousseau
Levesque, Rose	Mr. & Mrs. Leo A. Daigneault
Lewis, Claudette (Marr)	
Lewis, Normand	
L'Heureux, Antonio	
L'Heureux, Louise	Norman, Charlotte & Charles L'Heureux
Libbey Family	
Libby, Jacob	Pete & Rita Desjardins
Linehan Family	Family
Linehan, Addie	
L'Italien, Rodrigue L	Claudette
Little, Ellis Z.	Family
Lizotte Family	Lillian Deschene
Lomonte, Florence	
Lotti Family	Joseph Spugnardi Family
Lowell, Marie J.	
Lucas, Kaitan & Anastazya	Peter & Majorie Clifford
Lussier, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	Mr. & Mrs. Leo Vincent & Family
Lussier, Roland	Mr. & Mrs. Leo Vincent & Family
Lyons, Jim & Beth	
Madden, Mary Julia	
Madden, Patrick & Julia (Murphy)	
Madore, Sylvio J.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul B. Madore & Family
Magno, Mr. & Mrs. Carlo Sr	Carlo, James & Carlene

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Maheux, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	
Mailhot, Jackie	
Mailhot, Mr. & Mrs .Robert	
Mailhot, Robert & Eugenie	
Maillet, William & Alice	
Malicek, Mary	
Marcotte, Dr. & Mrs. J. B. & Family	
Marcotte, Laurier Paul	
Marcoux, Mr. & Mrs. Adrien	
Marcoux, Mr. & Mrs. Lewistonio	
Marquis, Adrien & Jeanne Dufour	
Marquis, Annette	
Marquis, Rev. Alphee	
Marquis, Sr. Alma	Pete & Rita Desjardins
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Martin, Armand & Doris	
Martin, Isidor & Beatrice	
Masse, Annette & Charles	
Mathieu Family	
Mathieu, Guy	
Mathieu, Larry	
Mathieu, Mr & Mrs Joseph	
Maxim, Marguerite D.	Blockwood Family
Mayo, Edwina	Norm & Geraldine Vaillancourt
McCann, Mr. & Mrs. John V	
McCann, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F	
McCarthy, Mr. & Mrs. James	
McClory, Mary Beth	
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McGraw, Mr. & Mrs. Herve O	
McKeone, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio	Scott & Annette Bradbury
McLellan, Lucille	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pelletier
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Menke, Agnes	Schulze Family
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	Michaud, Roger G	Wife
• 1	Miliard, John	Rita Miliard Castonguay
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	Moreau, Raymond Jr	Mr. & Mrs. Leo Vincent & Family
5	Moreau, Romeo	
	Moreau, Rosaire & Rita	
	Morgan, Charles & Laura	
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2 1	Morin, Constance (Connie)	
	Morin, François	
	Morin, Gerard R.	
	Morin, Henry	
	Morin, John & Alpheda	
	Morin, Noemie	
	Morin, Robert Sr.	
	Morin, Roger H.	
	Morin, Romain & Roberta	
	Morin, Thomas & Germaine	
	Mosko, John & Rita	
	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Latulippe	
	Murphy, Peter & Albianne	
	Murphy, Veronica (Kushnir)	
	Murray, Daniel A	
	Murray, Dr. Murray A.	
	Murray, John B. & Eva L	
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	Murray, Joseph A.	
	Murray, Mr. & Mrs. Edward W	
	Murray, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F	
	Murray, Mr. & Mrs. William P.	Bob & Sue Tymoczko
	Murray, Stephen & Margaret	Steve & Neil Murray & Family
	Murray, Thomas A. & Frances K	Eva Ladouceur
	Murray, Thomas P.	Richard & Irene Ledoux
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	Norton, Gerald	Mr. & Mrs. Russell Norton	
	Norton, Vinton		
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	Ouellette, Edouard & Emmeline		
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	Pelletier, Gerard	Priscilla Pelletier	
	Pelletier, Harry & Pricilla		
6	Pelletier, Mr. & Mrs. Alphee		
	Pelletier, Mr. & Mrs. Anthoine		
	Perkins, Diane	Frank Nagy	
	Perrin Family	Elizabeth B. Perrin	
	Perry, Philip & Margaret	Clara Glendenning	A
	Philbrick, Southard & Rose	Anonymous	1.

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Picard, Tricia	Thomas Picard & Family
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Pinette, Raoul L.	
Plourde, Maurice & Therese	
Poirier, Harvey	
Poliquin, Normand	Francoise Poliquin
Pomerleau, Robert J.	Irene Bernard Pomerleau
Pontbriand, Fern	Tony, Katie & Cam Letourneau
Pontbriand, Fern	Bernie & Jane Turner
Potvin, Andre S.	
Potvin, Maurice	Theodore & Helene Curran
Poulin, Arthur J.	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Hamann
Poulin, John & Marguerite	
Poulin, Loretta & Henry	
Poulin, Melvin & Betty	Larry & Sharon Lowell
Poulin, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Emile	Laura Tremblay
Poussard, Mr. & Mrs. Robert	Mr. & Mrs. Fernand J. Roy
Poussard, Robert & Yvette	
Preo, Ralph A.	Dolores M. Preo
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Proteau, Lionel & Solange	
Provencher, Adelard	
Provencher, Henry R.	
Provost, Elaine	Wilfred & Rebecca Gagnon
Quintal Family	
Racine, Mr. & Mrs. Philip	
Rancourt, Delia	
Rancourt, Edouard	
Rancourt, FleurAnge	Madeleine LeBlanc
Raniero, Anthony & Lena	
Ratte, Bernadette	
Ratte, Pauline	Ivana Potta
Ratte, Rosaire	
Ratte, Yvette	
Raymond, Alexandre & Leda	
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Raymond, Jim & Sara	
Raymond, Mr. & Mrs. Lucien	
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Rioux, Antonio J.	
Rioux, Gerard D.	Chris & Julie Dube
Rioux, Mr. & Mrs	
Rioux, Willie	
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Robert, Joseph & Lucienne & Family	
Robichaud, Alice	
Robichaud, Edgar	
Robinson, Ernest & Cecile	
Rodrigue, Claudette	
Rodrigue, Constance	Roger & Flaine Albert
Rodrigue, Valmond	Laurent & Patricia Gilbert
Rosaire & Daniel	
Rossignol, Arthur & Blanche	
Pousseau Carol	Norm & Geraldine Vaillancourt
Roux, Dominic R.	
Roux, Mr. & Mrs. Adelard	
Roux, Mr. & Mrs. Fern	
Roy, Ann E.	
Roy, Georges & Madeleine	
Roy, Matthew	
Roy, Mr. & Mrs. Adelard	Mr. & Mrs. Fernand J. Rov
Roy Mr. & Mrs R I & Family	Dr. Yvon & Mrs. Ursula Marcotte
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Russell, Frederick	
Saindon, Mr. & Mrs. Willie	
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	Saucier, Diane	
	Saucier, Olivier & Jeannette	
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	Savard, Arthur	
	Sawicki, June O.	
	Schreiner, Matthias & Anna	AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY
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	Schulze, Margaret	
	Schulze, Richard & Loretta	
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6	Sevit, Theresa.	STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P
	Simpson, Constance	
	Sirois, Marguerite (Roux)	
	Sirois, Paul E.	
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	Sproul, Gladys	
	Spugnardi, Joseph Family	
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	St. Amand, Christine (Roux)	
	St. Aubin, Joseph & Anna	
	St. Aubin, Leo & Nada	
	St. Clair, Maurice	
	St. Clair, Mr. & Mrs. George	
	St. Claire, George & Jeannette	
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	St. Pierre, Alfred & Zepherine (Poulin)	31193-100130 707-1001
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	St. Pierre, Lionel	
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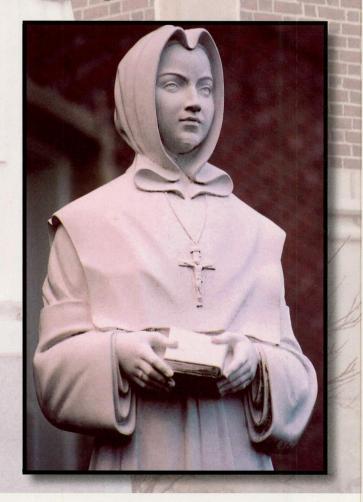
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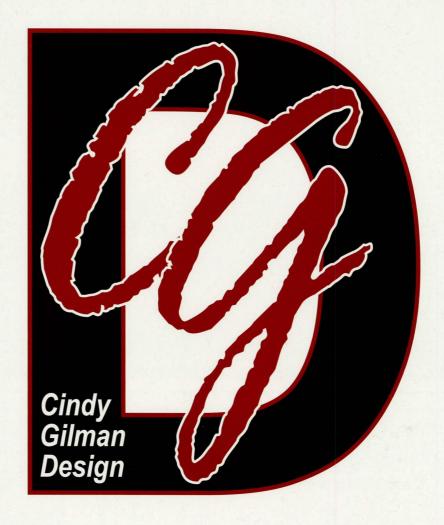
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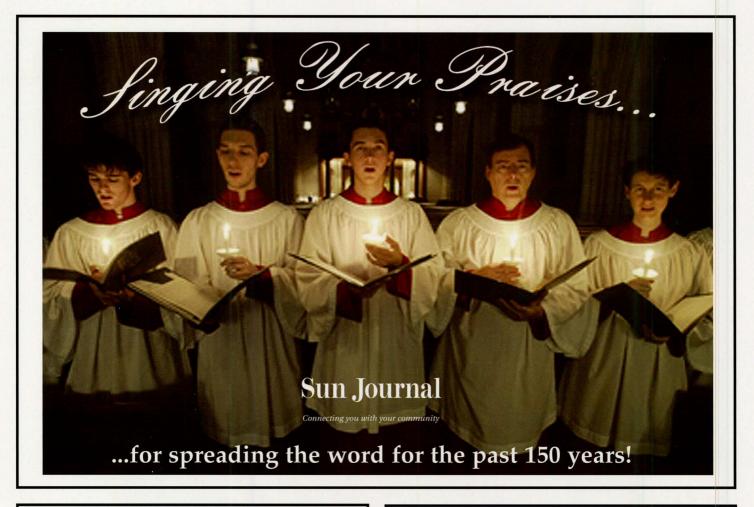


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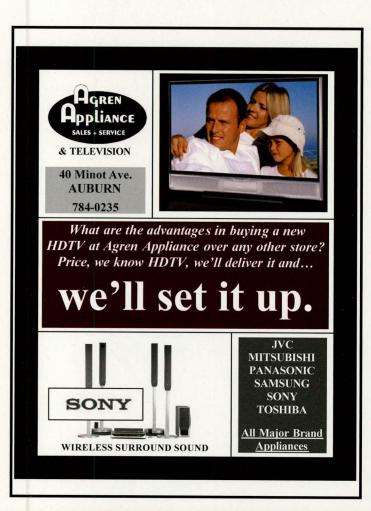
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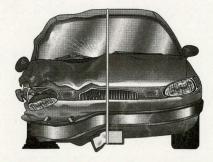
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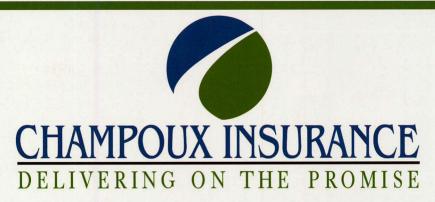
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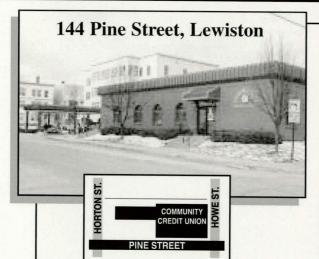
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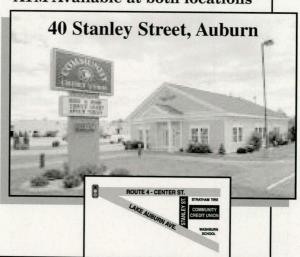
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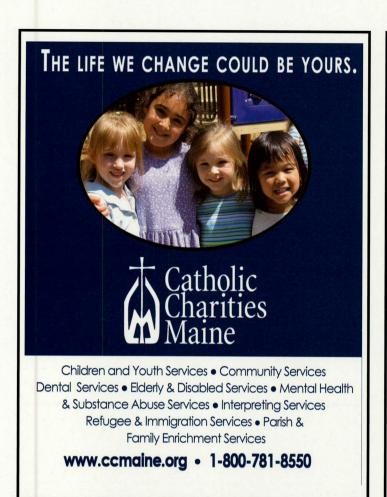


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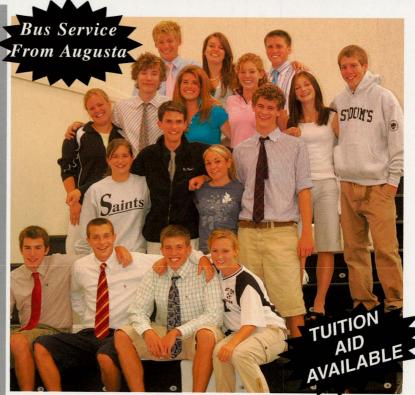


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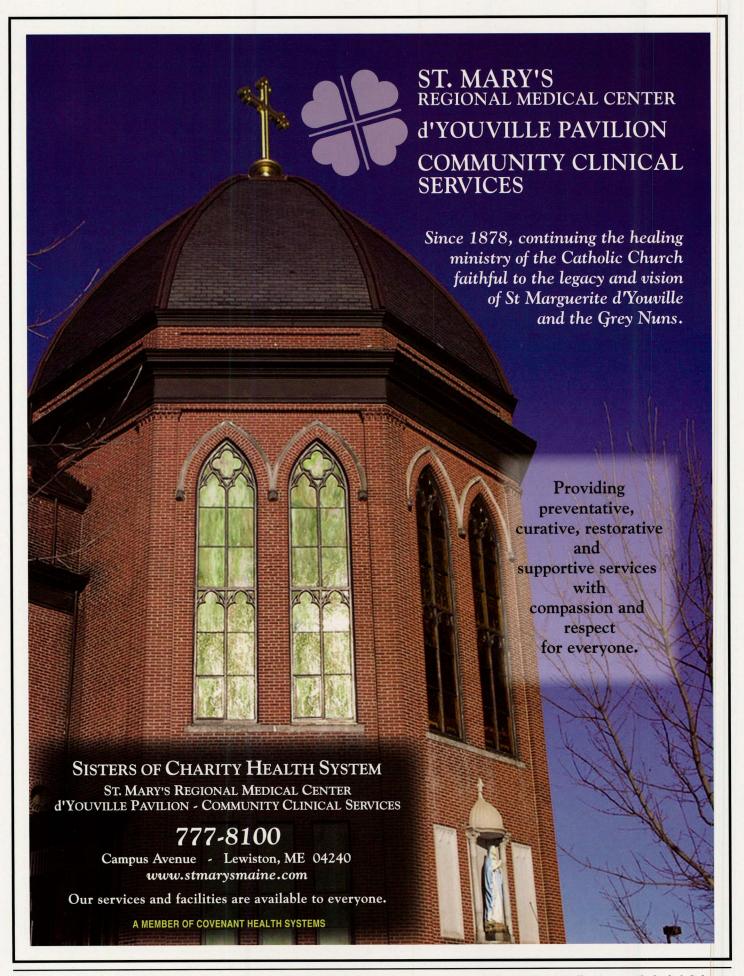
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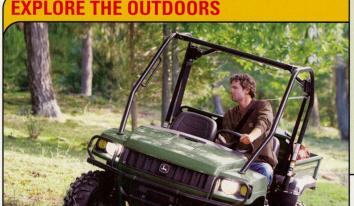
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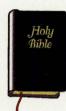
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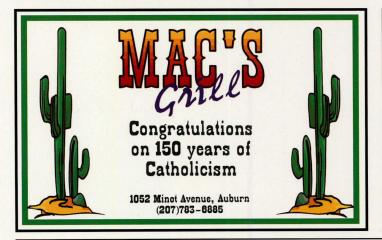
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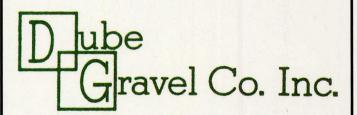
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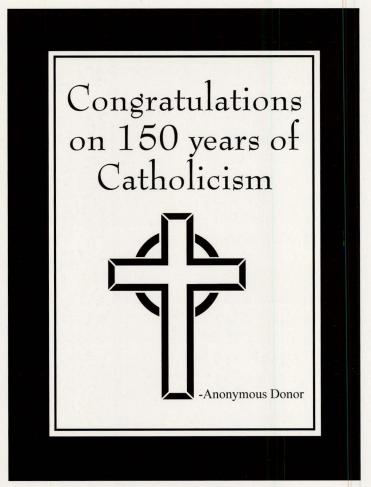
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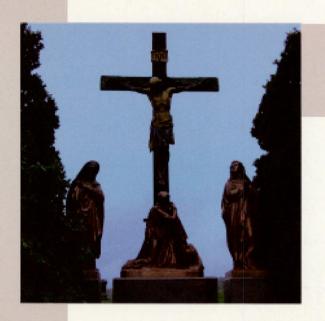
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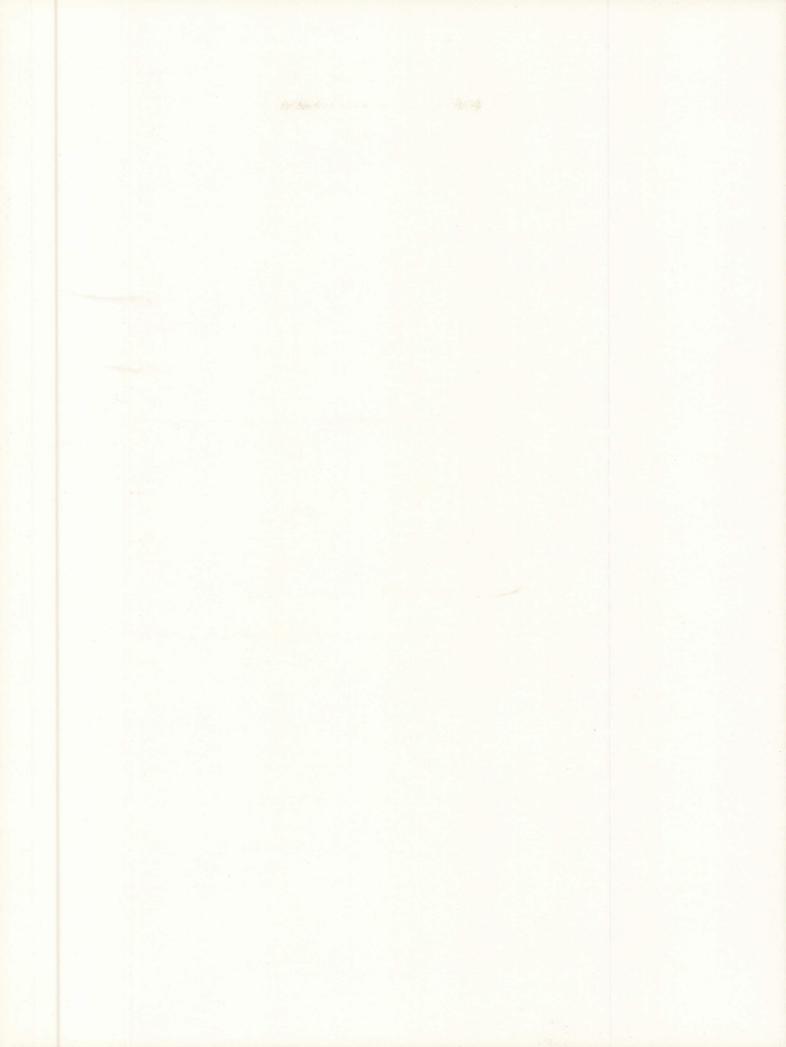
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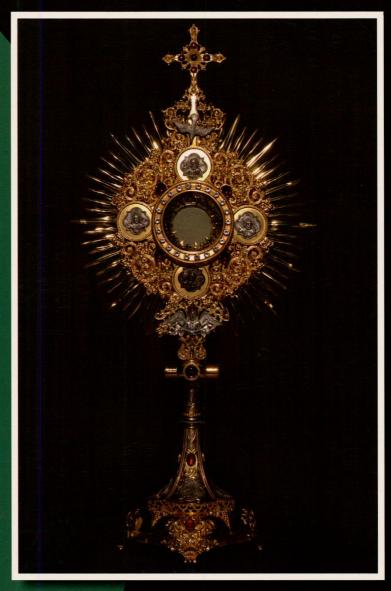
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